

Washington, DC - Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA) announced today that she has secured initial support for over \$4 million in federal funding for projects across her Southern California district, including programs in the Whittier area. These investments were included in the Omnibus appropriations bill passed by the House of Representatives today. The bill will now proceed to the Senate then be signed by the President to become law.

“I am happy to work hard to get funds that help colleges and schools in the Whittier area build better communities,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. “Investments in colleges like Rio Hondo and Whittier are an investment in the next generation.”

These investments include:

- \* \$196,514 for Rio Hondo Community College - to train small, local businesses in the region to assess and improve their energy conservation and waste reduction. These funds will allow the College to organize free environmental education workshops and one-on-one audits for small businesses in southeast Los Angeles County to promote workplace environmental stewardship that is also profitable.

- \* \$475,750 for Whittier College’s Science and Mathematics Initiative - These funds will expand science and math enrichment education for elementary, middle, and high school teachers and students throughout the Whittier area and help build a new science center at the college, including a portable teaching lab.

- \* \$190,000 for Los Nietos School District - Congresswoman Sánchez secured federal funding for i-SAFE, Inc., a non-profit foundation, to provide anti-bullying, internet safety programs and training at Los Nietos School District and other schools throughout southeast Los Angeles County.

“This is a terrific example of Congress’ continued commitment to spend taxpayer dollars wisely in tough economic times,” said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez. “These are smart investments in our communities that need them most.”